



# Recommended Variety List for Southeastern Alaska

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Gardening for recreation and for food production is popular in Southeast Alaska, just as it is in the rest of the world. Our short cool growing season and high rainfall levels present gardening challenges, but we have relatively low pest levels and long days.

Although many kinds of fruit and vegetables will grow well in Southeast's climate, not all will give adequate yields. In general, the cool-season vegetables, such as potatoes, carrots and the cabbage family, thrive in our gardens while the warm season vegetables, such as beans, cucumbers and tomatoes, require protection.

One of the joys of gardening is discovering new varieties that are successful in your garden. Although there are many varieties that are not presented in the following charts that are worthy of your garden effort, the varieties listed have proven successful in Southeast Alaska. The recommendations for the varieties in the charts come primarily from Master Gardeners, commercial growers and local agricultural professionals.



Weather, soil type, nutrient levels and production strategies vary from garden to garden, so the performance of the varieties listed may vary from location to location. In general, the short-season varieties perform better than the long-season varieties. The warm-season vegetables are much more productive under high or low plastic tunnels.

The UAF Cooperative Extension Service publications *16 Easy Steps to Gardening in Alaska*, HGA-00134, *Raised Bed Gardening in Alaska*, HGA-00132, and *Gardening in Southeastern Alaska*, HGA-00237, are good publications to help get you started in producing some of your own fruits and vegetables. For Southeast locations such as Haines that have a climate more similar to that seen in Southcentral Alaska, consider the varieties listed in the Extension publication *Recommended Variety List for Southcentral Alaska*, HGA-00031.

Let us know how the varieties listed here performed in your garden or if we did not list varieties that performed well for you.

# Garden Vegetables

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## Artichokes

Green Globe  
Imperial Star  
Violetto

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## Asparagus (use crowns, not seed)

Jersey Giant  
Jersey Knight

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## Basil

Sweet  
Siam Queen

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## Beans

(bush type)

Renegade  
Jade  
Venture  
Contender — snap green pod  
Provider — snap green pod

(pole type)

Kentucky Wonder  
Blue Lake

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## Beets

Early Wonder  
Detroit Red  
Chiaggio (also called Candy-stripe)  
Cylindra  
Little Ball  
Little Egypt  
Formanova

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## Broccoli

Packman  
Green Comet  
Waltham 29  
Arcadia  
Fiesta  
Belstar  
Small Miracle

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## Brussels Sprouts

Jade Cross  
Dwarf Improved

## Cabbage

Early Jersey  
Early Marvel  
Golden Acre  
Stonehead  
Derby Day  
Early Jersey Wakefield  
Copenhagen Market Early  
Earliana  
Danish Ballhead  
Ruby Ball  
Savoy Perfection

(Chinese/Oriental)

China Express  
Soloist

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## Carrots

Most varieties grow well

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## Cauliflower

Super Snowball  
Early Snowball  
Snow Crown  
Candid Charm  
Cheddar  
Extra Early Snowball

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## Celery

Utah 52-70

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## Chives

*Allium schoenoprasum* varieties  
Garlic chives — *A. tuberosum*

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## Cucumbers (perform better in a high tunnel or under row cover)

Sweet Success (standard)  
Marketmore (slicing)  
Superator (European type)  
Faribo (European type)  
Slice Master (standard)  
Bush Champion (standard)  
Orient Express  
Homemade Pickles

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## Dill

Fernleaf  
Bouquet

## Fennel

Florence  
Perfection (northern selection)  
Bronze Smokey

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## Garlic

Spanish Roja  
Music  
Chesnook Red  
Bavarian Purple  
Northern White  
Siberian  
Bogatyr  
Georgian Crystal  
Romanian Red  
Kilarney Red  
Metechi

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## Greens

Fordhook Giant Chard  
Green Wave Mustard  
Seven Top Turnip  
Collards (Vates)  
Bulls Blood Beets  
Baby bok choy (pak choi)  
Arugula  
French Sorrell

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## Kale (many varieties (e.g., White Russian, Red Russian, Winterbor))

## Kohlrabi

Early Purple Vienna  
Early White Vienna  
Grand Duke  
Superschmelz (giant type)

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## Jerusalem Artichoke (sunroot)

Most varieties grow well

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## Leeks

Musselburgh

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## Lettuce

(head type)

Ithaca  
Premier Great Lakes  
Great Lakes 659

(crisphead type)

Red Iceberg  
Summertime  
Reine des Glaces

(butterhead type)

Buttercrunch  
Esmerelda

(romaine type)

Paris White  
Flashy Trout's Back  
Marshall  
Little Gem  
Outrageous

(loose leaf type)

Revolution  
Oakleaf  
Green Deer Tongue  
Red Sails  
Salad Bowl  
Grand Rapids  
Black Seeded Simpson  
Mesclun salad blend  
Hume's Gourmet Variety

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### Onion

Evergreen Bunching  
Big Daddy  
Red Zeppelin  
Ailsa Craig  
Red Bull

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### Parsley

Nearly all varieties do well

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### Parsnip

Hollow Crown Improved  
All American  
Andover  
Gladiator

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### Peas

Alaska  
Progress No. 9  
Freezonian  
Green Arrow  
Tall Telephone (Alderman)  
Dwarf Gray Sugar (edible pod snow)

Oregon Sugar Pod (bush snow)  
Sugar Snap (edible pod pole)  
Sugar Ann (edible pod bush)  
Sugar Lace (edible pod bush)

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### Potato

(white)

Kennebec  
Alasclear  
Superior  
Shepody  
Alaska Frostless  
Denali  
Alaska 114  
Green Mountain  
Bake King

(russet)

Allagash  
Hilat  
Russet Ranger

(red skin)

Alaska Red  
IditaRed  
Red Pontiac

(yellow flesh)

Yellow Finn  
Yukon Gold

(heirloom)

Ozette  
Tlingit (local sources only)

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### Pumpkin (may grow in warmest areas)

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### Radish

Cherry Belle  
Burpee White  
Champion  
Salad Rose  
French Dressing  
Easter Egg II  
Early Scarlet Globe  
French Breakfast

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### Rhubarb (many varieties perform well)

MacDonald  
Victoria  
Crimson Red

**Spinach** (many varieties are susceptible to bolting in Alaska)

Olympia  
Tyee (bolt resistant)  
Bloomsdale Longstanding  
New Zealand spinach (bolt resistant, but not a true spinach)

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### Squash

(zucchini type)

Black Beauty (bush)  
Gold Rush (yellow)  
Burpee Hybrid  
Caserta (cocozele)  
Black Hawk  
Partenon (parthenocarpic)

(green summer type)

Eight Ball  
Giambo

(winter hubbard type)

Sweet Meat  
Golden Hubbard (large)

(other types)

Gold Nugget (golden buttercup)  
Vegetable Spaghetti (specialty)

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**Sweet corn** (performs better in a high tunnel or under row cover)

(if outside consider)

Polar Vee  
Earlievee

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### Swiss chard

Perpetual  
Bright Lights  
Fordhook Giant  
Golden  
Northern

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### Turnip

Purple Top White Globe  
Golden Globe

**Tomatoes** (perform better in a high tunnel or under row cover)

(cold-tolerant varieties)

Early Tanana

Stupice

Sub Arctic 25

(very early varieties)

Early Girl

Glacier

Legend

Northern Exposure

Oregon Spring (parthenocarpic)

Balconi Red and Yellow

Northern Delight

Fourth of July

(other varieties)

Beaverlodge (Alberta variety)

Sun Gold (yellow, cherry type)

## Small Fruits

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### Currant

Ben Alder (black)

Ben Sarek (black)

Ben Lomond (black)

Titania (black)

Consort (black)

Crandall (yellow flower)

Viking (red)

Minnesota 69 (red)

Rovada (red)

### Gooseberry

Pixwell

Malling Invicta

Poorman

Lepaared

Captivator

Hinnomaki Red

Jostaberry (currant X gooseberry)

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### Kiwi

Ananasnaya

Issai

*Actinida kolomita* species

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### Lingonberry (native species)

Red Pearl

Koralle

Erntedank

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### Raspberry

Boyne

Chilliwack

Haida

Nova

Skeena

Amity

Autumn Britten

Summit

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### Strawberries

Hood

Suksan

Benton

Earliglow

Tribute

Fern

Salva

Quinault

Fort Laramie

Tristar

Eversweet

## Tree Fruits

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### Apple

Yellow Transparent

Pristine

William's Pride

Gravenstein

Lodi

Tydeman's Early

Sansa

Silken

Akane

Pristine

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### Cherry

Hartland (sweet)

Black Gold (sweet)

White Gold (sweet)

Lapins (sweet)

Montmorency (sour)

Republic (sour)

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### Crab Apple

Oregon (Western) *Malus fusca*

Centennial

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### Prunes

Shiro (Japanese)

Hollywood (Japanese)

Beauty (Japanese)

Early Laxton (early Italian)

Imperial Epineuse (early Italian)

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